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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 4437

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC (SMUT, SMITH, HUNTER)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR

GENERAL

REF: STATE 123331, KINSHASA 4380, DAR'S 1699 AND 1705

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BULA IS IN INTERIOR WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, I CALLED UPON BAGOENI LATE MAY 28, NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHO FORTUNATELY HAD KALONJI, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WITH HIM. I GAVE THEM MY ACCOUNT OF EVENTS TO DATE, BUZZ WORDS OF WHICH WERE OUR APPRECIATION COOPERATION SO-FAR RECEIVED, GOZ AND GOT JOINT RESPONSIBILITY, ESSENTIALITY MILITARY RESTRAINT AND NEED FOR FULLEST CONSULTATION. I PROVIDED COPIES MATERIALS CONTAINED DAR'S 1699 AND 1705 (KINSHASA 4380), AND PUSHED HARD FOR OUR PROPOSED RADIO MESSAGE OR ZAIRIAN REWRITE THEREOF WHICH WOULD INCLUDE OUR MAIN THEMES.

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL BAGBENI MADE PPROPRIATE NOISES

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BUT SAID, "WE WILL NEED TIME TO CONSIDER MATTER,"

WHICH TRANSLATES INTO "UNTIL I CONTACT THE MINISTER AND HE TALKS TO THE PRESIDENT, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS." FACT THAT KALONJI WAS PRESENT WOULD SEEM TO ASSURE THAT REASONABLY COHERENT ACCOUNT OF REQUEST WILL GO TO TOP.

3. WHILE BULA'S VISIT TO PRESIDENT COULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS, MOST LIKELY IS ANGOLA AND EXPULSION OF PORTUGUESE CONSUL FROM KINSHASA. IT COULD ALSO BE LINKED TO KIDNAPPING CASE. QUESTIONS: IS IT POSSIBLE THAT BULA AND PRESIDENT ARE PLANNING HIGH LEVEL MEETING WITH GOT. COULD THEY BE DISCUSSING MY QUESTION TO BULA ABOUT POSSIBLE INTERMEDIARIES WITH KIDNAPPERS? (KINSHASA 4380). ARE THEY REVIEWING HOW TO HANDLE HOSTAGE PROBLEM? THERE IS NO WAY TO KNOW UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS OR WE ARE TOLD SOMETHING, BUT I AGAIN URGE DAR TO BE ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS TO SUPPLEMENT WHOSE I AM REASONABLY CERTAIN ZAIRIAN CONSUL GENERAL KIGOMA INITIATED UPON HIS ARRIVAL DAR ES SALAAM.  
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